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**From:** Sandra Stavnes  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 10:27:15 PM  
**Subject:** RE: JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

Laura

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 2:52 PM

**To:** EOC Public Information; Press  
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**Subject:** JIC/EOC ACTION: WALL STREET JOURNAL: DEADLINE ASAP

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine  
**Importance:** High

Hi Laura,

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** Fw: several questions // Gold King Mine

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**From:** Friedland, Melissa on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** Re: several questions // Gold King Mine

Nancy,

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** EOC Technical Specialist  
**Cc:** EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine

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Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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**From:** Lee, Monica  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: several questions // Gold King Mine  
**Importance:** High

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1. ~~Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?~~ She'll have to ask the WH

2. Regarding the hiatus into similar “field investigation work,” approximately how many mines does this affect?
3. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
4. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?
5. ~~Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?~~ We don’t have an estimate to share at this time.
6. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?
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8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What’s your response to that?

Let me know if you’re able to help with the rest – thank you!

**From:** Harder, Amy [<mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa, I’m circling back on this. Our broader story is set to be published later this afternoon. I realize you guys have been swamped, but could you at least shed some light on the funding questions? And/or give us the last decade of data that this EPA website has for 1993-2005?

A response at your earliest convenience would be much appreciated.

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**From:** Harder, Amy

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:01 AM

**To:** 'Reynolds, Thomas'; 'Purchia, Liz'; 'Harrison, Melissa'

**Subject:** several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

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